

RESOLUTION No. 2007-25-532

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida and a paramount duty of the State, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution creates a clear mandate for a uniform and high quality education system and for the state to make adequate provision for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, Florida is one of the leaders in the nation in mandating public school educational accountability measures and the School Board of Miami-Dade County has earned a second straight grade of B in the State accountability system, falling just seven points short of the cutoff score for a grade of A, and

WHEREAS, the number of schools in Miami-Dade County, Florida, receiving a letter grade of A increased to 53%, the highest percentage ever despite tougher state guidelines, and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has constructed an additional 20,000 new student seats to address overcrowding; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, will need approximately \$180 million in new funding above current funding levels to continue program enhancements, and

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns to the success of their businesses, and a highly qualified, trained workforce is critical to strengthening the business climate; and

WHEREAS, the education system needs to respond to the workforce needs of Florida's employers, including programs that expand career academies in high schools, aligning career education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expanding options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce, and

WHEREAS, the pre-K-20 education system is a key foundation for Florida's future providing the talent base for economic diversification and an economic engine for the knowledge economy, and Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels (pre-K-20) into the top quartile in education, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens believes that funding a high-quality education system is an investment in the ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace, and

WHEREAS, the city of Miami Gardens believes that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high-quality education system measured by student achievement,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. SUPPORTS: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby supports the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative and request that the Florida Legislature:

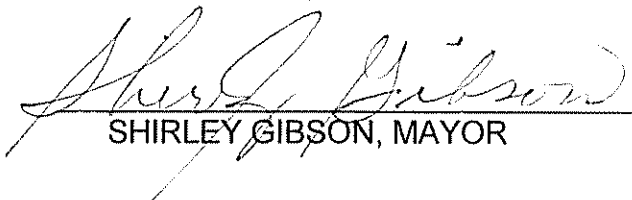
- Appropriate adequate funding to raise Miami-Dade's pre-pupil funding sufficient to provide a rigorous, high quality educational experience for every student and continue initiatives that are successfully raising students achievement in the District; and
- Amend the Classrooms for Kids allocation formula for capital outlay

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2007.

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

Reviewed by: Sonja K. Dickens.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: Mayor Shirley Gibson

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Braynon
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon, II	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)



ADD ON ITEM
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City of Miami Gardens

1515-200 NW 167 Street
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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable City Council Members

From: Shirley Gibson
Mayor

Date: January 10, 2007

Re: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR
THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE 2007
SESSION.

Miami-Dade County School Board is the governmental entity who is officially charged to provide access to public education to the students in Miami Dade County and is the fiscal agent for all funds for this public purpose. I am submitting this resolution in support of the Legislative Agenda for the Legislative 2007 session. A quality education is the most critical component in developing a workforce that is prepared to meet the challenges of this era for future residents in the City of Miami Gardens and Miami Dade County. Municipal support is needed to send a united message to the Legislature that we are committed to securing funding to support quality education in urban areas such as ours.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the resolution supporting the Miami-Dade County School Board Legislative 2007 Session.